

Church News

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every respect. It is beautifully furnished throughout, lighted by electricity and heated by both grates and stoves. A year ago this month, we occupied for the first time our splendid new church, one of the most complete and convenient in the State, so that the property now owned by the congregation is all that any church could reasonably ask for, or desire.

T. M. McConnell.

Brick Church: Rev. A. P. Gregory, of Petersburg, has been with us for two weeks in a very successful meeting. We had over forty conversions, with thirty-three additions to the church. We feel that our people have been greatly revived and the cause of Presbyterianism much strengthened in our midst.

Jellico: Rev. G. C. Alexander is just now entering upon his second year's work, as pastor of this church, with very encouraging prospects, for aggressive work in the future. The congregations are growing and the Sunday school is perhaps doing better work than it has ever done. The Ladies' Aid Society is also enthusiastic in its work. During the past year, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been organized, a Junior Band for the girls; also a boys' society. The church is more thoroughly organized now than ever before in its history. On Sabbath, November 14, two new officers were ordained and installed, Mr. Robert H. Henry as Ruling Elder, and Mr. Charlie Barton as Deacon. This now gives the church nine officers, four elders and five deacons, all of which are active Christian men, who are highly esteemed by the entire congregation. These officers were entertained at luncheon by Rev. and Mrs. Alexander, Tuesday evening, November 16, 1909.

SYNOD OF TEXAS.

The Synod of Texas met November 17, 1909, in the First Presbyterian Church, of San Angelo, Texas. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Robert Hill, D. D., the retiring moderator.

The attendance so far is about 140 and will probably reach 150 by tomorrow.

Officers: Rev. T. S. Clyce D. D., President of Austin College was elected moderator and is making a splendid presiding officer. Rev. T. F. Gallaher was elected Temporary Clerk and Rev. J. N. Ivy, Reading Clerk, and Rev. J. B. Hudson, Press Reporter.

Letter of Sympathy: The Synod having heard through the telegraphic reports of the sudden death of Rev. W. A. Alexander, D. D., the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, immediately after the organization by a rising vote appointed a committee consisting of the Moderator, the Stated Clerk and Rev. S. A. King, D. D., to write Mrs. Alexander a letter of sympathy.

Calvin Celebration: The Synod heard

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock an address on Calvin; The Times, The Man, the historical significance, by Rev. Arthur Jones, D. D. It was a splendid address and the Synod was so profoundly impressed with the importance of it that it has been arranged to have the address published. Friday, the Rev. S. A. King, D. D., delivered a masterly address on the five points of Calvinism. It is expected that Rev. Thornton Whaling, D. D., will deliver the third address Saturday morning.

Entertainment: The Synod is being royally entertained by Dr. Siler and his excellent people. Lunch is being served in the dining room in the basement at the noon recess and a reception is being arranged for tonight, in which the Synod will enjoy a repast in the form of a deer stew, the members and friends having killed an abundance of deer for the occasion.

Foreign Missions: Thursday night was devoted to Foreign Missions and Rev. R. M. Hall, D. D., Chairman of Synod's Committee presided. Addresses were made by Mr. J. Lewis Thompson and Rev. D. N. McLaughlin, D. D., and a collection was taken for Foreign Missions.

The business up to the present time (Friday morning) has been largely routine, consisting in hearing reports and getting them into the hands of the committees. Only one complaint case is before the Synod and it is too early to say just what the nature of the case is or what the decision of the Synod will be.

The Synod will hold its next meeting in Sherman, Texas.

J. D. L.

—An Interesting Providence: The last of September, and just a few days before the close of the second quarter of the year, Mr. C. F. Carsner, representing the financial side of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Western Texas, went from his home at Victoria to San Antonio to meet other members of the Committee to discuss the problem of an empty treasury and sixteen hard worked ministers with their salaries due. The Committee found itself short above seven hundred dollars. They counseled and prayed and separated not knowing from whence the money would come. When Mr. Carsner reached home he found the money in the treasury every cent of it, and not one cent over. With what joy did that treasurer write out and forward the checks to those self-sacrificing preachers. How peculiarly thankful should those persons be upon whom the Lord called (effectually) for that money. Reader, whether you are in the Presbytery of Western Texas or some other Presbytery, how stand your accounts with the Lord's cause? How have you been responding to His calls for help at this opportune time along these wide extended firing lines?

VIRGINIA.

Cartersville: Over a year ago the church building at Cartersville was destroyed by fire. The little band of Pres-

byterians went to work, however, with determination and energy, and now the building is well under way. Rev. J. Allan Christian, of Scottsville, Va., is the pastor of this group of churches, and is doing excellent work.

Gordonsville: The pastor of this church, Rev. Hugh H. Hudson, has declined the call to the pastorate of the Berryville, Va., field.

Blacksburg: Of course, Rev. D. J. Woods, in presenting his resignation to his congregation, did not "request that a delegation be sent to Presbytery," nor did he stipulate to "abide by the action of Presbytery," both of which things he was made to do in last week's report of this matter. Mr. Woods would not do the first and he is too loyal a Presbyterian not to do the last. Those who are acquainted with Mr. Woods' excellent work at this great state school will hope that Montgomery Presbytery will see its way clear to insist on his remaining at Blacksburg. —(Editor.)

Beauleton, Chesapeake Presbytery: At our quarterly communion on November 14, four new members were received, two husbands and their wives. Two of these came by letter. The other two came by statement from the Wesleyan church of England. We feel much strengthened by these additions. Two infants were baptized.

Norfolk: The First Church has collected over three hundred dollars for the Synodical Orphanage to aid in rebuilding the girls' home which was recently destroyed by fire.

—Colly Memorial, Rev. R. A. Robinson, pastor, made a contribution on November 14 of two hundred dollars to the Synod's Orphanage at Lynchburg.

—Knox Church: A series of profitable meetings has recently been held in the Knox Church, of which Rev. W. H. T. Squires is pastor. The preaching was done by Rev. C. R. Nisbet, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn. There were nine persons received into the communion of the church on November 7, and fifteen on November 14. The entire church has been richly blessed.

—The Park Avenue Church, of which Rev. V. R. Gaston is pastor, has enjoyed a visit from Rev. S. W. Moore, of Williamson, W. Va. Mr. Moore preached afternoon and night each day through the week, very much to the edification of deeply interested congregations. On November 14 there were five accessions to the membership of the church on profession.

Mercy Seat: At the fall communion at this church, three members were received on profession of faith and one by letter. This congregation has just enjoyed a series of instructive and inspiring sermons during a week's preaching by Rev. Mr. Doggett, of Danville, Va. Others are expected to come into the church soon, and all feel helped and encouraged.

Meadville: Three young people were welcomed into this church on the second Sunday in November, making seven additions within the past few months. The people of this group of churches are now